

To the Judiciary Committee

I am writing to you today to express my opposition for:

- SB 16 AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.
- RB 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS
- HB 5397 An ACT DECLARING GUN VIOLENCE A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS AND ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION.

These bills are obviously over reaching and a clear infringement on the rights to the citizens of Connecticut. The State of Connecticut already has some of the strictest firearms laws in the nation with crime rates sky rocketing within the inner cities. Infringing on the rights of law abiding citizens will do nothing to decrease criminal activity, including acts of violence that are committed with firearms. These new proposed bills, only decrease ones ability to defend themselves.

How is it acceptable to punish the law abiding for the actions of criminals who will never follow the laws. Politicians who have this view, and push anti-gun agendas will never stop until they completely disarm those that follow the law.

Whats amazing is that you claim Connecticut is one of the safest states regarding “gun violence” but yet continue to push egregious and right infringing proposals like SB 16 and raised House bill 5416.

There has been an increase in pistol permits due to your liberal polices which lack responsibility for the actual individual who commits the crime. The term Gun Violence is a joke and a liberal talking point. This is a people problem, not a firearms problem. If individuals know they won't be held accountable for their actions, they will continue to commit crimes. Citizens have the right to protect themselves, their

family and others by any means necessary. These bills only strengthen the criminals ability to take advantage of citizens by disarming the law abiding.

I respectfully request that you OPPOSE Senate Bill 16, Raised House Bill 5416 and HB 5367.

I do however request that you SUPPORT:

- Raised S.B No. 388- An Act concerning the defense of a person or a persons dwelling, place of work or motor vehicle
- Raised H.B No 5415- An Act concerning the transfer of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines
- Raised H.B. No 5412- An act concerning the duty to retreat in a religious house of worship.

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